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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8079

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMEMBASSY BONN

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USDAO SAIGON FOR ECC

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER, PINT, VS

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 71355; (B) PARIS 8015; (C) SAIGON 3997

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON 2 APRIL, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA (BOLLE -- PROTECT --) SAID THAT THE FRENCH SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE MERCHANT MARINE HAD ASKED FRENCH STEAMERS THAT MIGHT BE IN VIETNAM AREA, ESPECIALLY THOSE BELONGING TO THE COMPAGNIE DES CHARGEURS REUNIS, TO ASSIST IN THE EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. BOLLE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT ACTUAL ASSISTANCE WAS PROBLEMATICAL SINCE ACCORDING HIS INFORMATION COASTAL CITIES WERE RAPIDLY FALLING.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON SAME DAY, HOWEVER, MEMBER OF QUAI'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION TOLD US THAT THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL HAD ONLY AUTHORIZED THE EVACUATION OF FRENCH CITIZENS. HE LAMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT VIETNAMESE WOULD PROBABLY "FORCE THEIR WAY" ONTO BOATS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ANY EVACUATION WAS PROBLEMATICAL.

3. WE PASSED SUBSTANCE REF C TO SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF MERCHANT MARINE.  
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